

ST. BENEDICT'S MEDAL.

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Crux Sancti Patris
Benedicti.Crux Sacra Sit Mihi
Lux.

Non Draco Sit Mihi Dux.

Vade Retro Satana!

Nunquam Suede Mihi
Vana;

Sunt Mala Quae Litas

Ipse Venena Bibas.

The Cross of Holy
Father Benedict.Oh, May the Cross a
light be unto me.And not a guide the
wicked enemy.Get thee behind me,
Satan!Never suggest vain
things to me.Evil are the draughts
thou offerest.Mayst thou drink
thy own poison.

2nd. DESCRIPTION OF THE MEDAL.

Every medal of St. Benedict bears on one side a cross with a certain number of letters, the whole looking like a puzzle, as may be seen in the above cut. There are twenty-seven letters, not counting the three letters in the Latin word Pax, which means peace. Nine letters are inside the cross; four within the arms of the cross, and the remaining fourteen in the margin or circle around the cross and its field, seven on each side. The letters C. S. P. B. within the arms of the cross are the initials of the four Latin words: Crux Sancti Patris Benedicti; in English, the Cross of Holy Father Benedict. The five letters inside the cross read vertically

C
S
S
M
L

mean Crux — Sacra — Sit — Mihi — Lux. The Holy Cross — Be unto me — a Light. The letters inside the cross read horizontally N. D. S. M. D. signify: Non Demon — Sit — Mihi — Dux. Let Not the Demon be my